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TAGS: BE, ELAB THREATENED

SUBJECT: STRIKE THREATENED IN PETROLEUM SECTOR

REF: BRUSSELS A-262 DECEMBER 10, 1974

1. SOCIALIST TRADE UNION (FGTB) PETROLEUM FEDERATION HAS FILED NOTICE OF STRIKE TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 13 IN ENTIRE PETROLEUM SECTOR WHICH EMPLOYS SOME 5,000 WORKERS. ACTION TAKEN AFTER NEGOTIATIONS STALLED AND CONCILIATION FAILED IN RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT. CHRISTIAN UNION (CSC) HAS BEEN COORDINATING WITH FGTB ON NEGOTIATIONS AND MAY SUPPORT STRIKE CALL. NEGOTIATIONS STALLED OVER FAILURE OF EMPLOYER'S FEDERATION TO GO BEYOND FOUR PER CENT INCREASE IN WAGE COSTS IN NEW AGREEMENT. UNION DEMANDS CALL FOR TEN PER CENT INCREASE.

2. EMPLOYER'S ADHERENCE TO FOUR PER CENT FOLLOWED GUIDELINES ISSUED BY MINECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AS REPORTED REF AIR. EMPLOYERS MAY FEAR IF THEY GO BEYOND THIS FIGURE SUBSEQUENT REQUESTS FOR PRICE INCREASES WHICH REQUIRE MINISTRY'S APPROVAL WILL NOT BE GRANTED. SO FAR, AGREEMENTS IN OTHER SECTORS HAVE GONE BEYOND FOUR PER CENT GUIDELINE, BUT THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF ANY EFFECT THIS MAY HAVE HAD ON SUBSEQUENT REQUESTS FOR PRICE INCREASES.

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3. COMMENT: STRIKE NOTICE MAY BE ONLY NEGOTIATING TACTIC  
TO FORCE EMPLOYER'S FEDERATION REVISE ITS POSITION. HOWEVER,  
IF CHRISTIAN UNION ALSO JOINS STRIKE CALL AND EMPLOYERS DO  
NOT MAKE SOME CONCESSION, STRIKE IS POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH GOVERN-  
MENT WOULD PROBABLY NOT TOLERATE LENGTHY STRIKE IN THIS KEY  
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